Lafayette Community Church

The Maturity Perspective

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WELCOME • WE ARE NOT JUST ANOTHER CHURCH... • PRAY

### **Review**

Jeff Mikels

I can't do right unless I see right. If I focus on the gospel, everything can be a victory. If I lose myself to God, he gives me true life for his glory. Following Jesus means humility, community and obedience to God. WHAT IS YOUR PREDOMINANT EMOTION WHEN IT COMES TO GOD? APATHY, FEAR, JOY? SPIRITUAL MATURITY & EMOTIONAL MATURITY... SPIRITUAL MATURITY FIRST // 3:1 & 3:15

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Mature believers don't rely on earthly CHECKBOXES. WORSHIP BY THE SPIRIT • 4-6 PAUL WINS • 7-11

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CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE IT ALL FIGURED OUT • CHRISTIANS WHO DON'T EVEN TRY • 15-21

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